

Welcome to Historic Fayette County!

Fayette County was organized in 1819, but settlement had probably begun as early as 1805. John Conner platted Connersville in 1813. Records prior to 1819 are found in Franklin County. The library and courthouse in Brookville are great resources for those probate and land records.

Settlement began in the southeastern part of the county. Many of the pioneers were from Virginia and the Carolinas. As treaties were made with Native Americans, northwestern areas became populated.

While there were some established public burial places, many small family cemeteries were established on the land owned by the pioneers.

The term cemetery is probably misused in some of our burial grounds. Many were actually started close to churches and were called graveyards because they were in the yard of a church. Most of those churches are now gone.



Wright



Nultown



Old Orange

Wright Cemetery is a family plot containing the graves of the grandparents of "the" Wright Brothers. Nultown should probably be called a graveyard, as it was associated with the Franklin Baptist Church, probably the county's first organized church (1814).

Old Orange is a good example of an early community burial ground. It was established about 1822 by the residents of Danville, a town that was later renamed Fayetteville, then Orange.

Please follow these basic rules when visiting our pioneer and active cemeteries.

- *Do not sit or lean on the monuments.
- *Do not use markers, chalk, shaving cream, etc. on monuments. There are various techniques using lighting, mirrors, cell phones, and cameras to make the inscriptions easier to read.
- *Please consult the Cemetery Commission regarding approved cleaning methods. The use of nylox brushes and drills is strictly prohibited in our cemeteries. Often, plain water and a soft, non-metallic brush will do. An old toothbrush or a wooden skewer can be useful in cleaning lettering.
- *Do not attempt repairs or remove any item..
- *Do not disturb flowers planted in the cemetery. Some of these are heirloom plants.
- *Always leave the cemetery as you found it. Never leave behind trash or discarded cleaning supplies.

The Fayette County Cemetery Commission consists of volunteers who work diligently to preserve, repair, maintain, and document our cemeteries. They are happy to assist you in gaining access to cemeteries on private property. They can be reached at (765) 338-2300 or by email at Cemetery@co.fayette.in.us.

Those doing genealogy research can find numerous records at the offices of the County Recorder and County Clerk in the Fayette County Courthouse at 401 Central, the Fayette County Public Library at 9th & Grand, or the Fayette County Historical Museum at 5th & Grand. The Cemetery Commission and County Historian also add all new information to Findagrave.com, a free website.

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Pioneer Cemeteries and Other Points of Interest in Connersville and Fayette County, Indiana



Grave of Pvt. Richard F. Clifton, a Fayette County Union soldier who died of disease in 1863 at Youngs Point, Madison Parrish, Louisiana. He left a young widow and a small son. He is buried at Mt. Zion Cemetery, Jackson Twp., Fayette County, Indiana.